

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-September-2013

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great preoccupations today is the maintenance of a high standard of living. Today's readings give us a prophetic warning -this life-style leads to complacency and indifference to the needs of the poor. Any such indifference can only earn us the condemnation of God whose mercy for the poor is linked to his judgement of the oppressed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Pope Francis

The election of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope in March of this year took most people by surprise. Who is this Pope from Argentina? He is a Jesuit that has awakened in believers and others a humility and openness to his role that is a source of encouragement. Recently he gave an interview to a Jesuit magazine. The Pope was asked who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? The Pope replied, "what comes from inside, what I feel most true with is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon; he repeats I am the one who is looked upon by the Lord."

The Pope speaks of the difficulties he experienced as superior of his order at thirty six, his authoritarian and quick way of making decisions that created problems. "Over time I have learned many things. The Lord has allowed this growth in knowledge of government through my faults and my sins. Pope Francis is asked what it means for him to "think with the church". He replies "the image of the church I like is that of the holy faithful people of God. Belonging to a people has a strong theological value. In the history of salvation God saved a people. There is no full identity without belonging to a people." The church is the people of God on the journey through history, with joys and sorrows. Thinking with the church, therefore is my way of being a part of this people. When the dialogue among the people and the bishops and the pope goes down this road and is genuine, then it is assisted by the Holy Spirit, the church with which we should be thinking of is the home of all, not a small chapel that can only hold a small group of selected people. We must not reduce the bosom of the universal church to a nest protecting our mediocrity. Pope Francis goes on to say, "the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful, it needs nearness, proximity"

Pope Francis speaks about his personal prayer "I pray the breviary every morning. I like to pray with the psalms. Then later I celebrate Mass; I pray the rosary. What I really prefer is adoration in the evening, even when I get distracted and think about other things or even fall asleep praying. But I pray mentally even when I am waiting for the dentist or at other times of the day.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' interview.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Most often we think of ourselves as rich people sharing our resources with those in need, and indeed, that is what we, as Christians, are called to do. But have we ever been the one being served? Perhaps we have not found it necessary to receive material goods from others, but what have others given us out of generosity in the form of time, energy, or actions. Maybe someone sat with us when one of our children was sick, or helped us with some physical chore when our burden was too heavy to carry alone. It might even be a coach or teacher who has helped our children in a generous way. How can the actions of these people help us better live this Gospel message today? What can we give of ourselves?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to the Lord that he may help us to understand what real poverty and real riches are.

Reader

For Christians: that they may not be indifferent to the needs of those around them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For government leaders: that they may be tireless in their efforts to eliminate poverty.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who through unemployment, poverty, or sickness sit on the side-lines of life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For grace to seek to make ourselves rich in compassion rather than in the things of this world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For individuals and organisations who volunteer in the developing world, that their work of love and service may bear fruit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Almighty and ever-living God, fill our heart with your love. Give us the grace to rise above our selfishness, and keep us faithful to you and to one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Anthony David Sheehan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter
 Zach Brendan Egan, The Heathers Classes Lake.
 Louis John Cotter, Rosewood.
 Tom David Holland, Clash Road, Carrigrohane.
 Luke Joseph Hoey, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Fia Rose Milner, Old Fort Gate.
 Nela Katlarova, College Court, Cobh.
 Joseph Brian McGillicuddy, An Caislean.
 Molly Isabelle O'Brien, Castle Farm.
 Blanka Emma Talda, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Amelia Victoria Jegier, Ashton Court.
 Charlotte Ciara Wood, Beech Park.

† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Frances Kelleher, Naas.
 Dolly O'Donovan, Blackrock.
 Canon Diarmuid Linehan, Maglin/Clogheen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

James Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 John O'Leary, Magazine Road.
 Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 Willie Kavanagh, Raheen.
 Michael Egar, Glanworth.
 John & Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdene.
 Willie & Nora Linehane, Blackrock.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Noreen Nyhan, Inniscarra View.
 Dec. members of O'Mahony & Green Families
 David & Margaret & Frank Rea, Lower Glanmire.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey Street.
 Michael & Teresa Monton, Dundalk/Ballincollig.
 Catherine & Michael Healy, Eyerics.
 John Kelleher, Castlepark.
 Jack Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.
 Pat Hallahan, Greenfields.

Beatitudes for The Aged

Blessed are those who understand my faltering steps and palsied hand.
 Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.
 Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
 Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.
 Blessed are they who never say 'You've told that story twice today'.
 Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.
 Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone.
 Blessed are they who know I am at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross.
 Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914
 30 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337
 01 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 339
 02 Wednesday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18:1-5.10. Lect II: 1212
 03 Thursday Neh 8:1-12. Ps.18. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 343
 04 Friday Bar. 1:15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346
 05 Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

Next Sunday's Readings 06/October/2013

Hab. 1 :2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect I: 917

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

The Support Programme *scheduled to begin*
 on Tuesday 8th October

Is Deferred due to unforeseen Circumstances

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue **Every Wednesday @ 10.30 a.m**
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Every Thursday @ 10.00 a.m

Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road
(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Garda Message

Garda Liam Linehan Community Garda at Ballincollig Garda Station has a word of advice for all members of the General Public from Ballincollig and Surrounding areas. It has come to the notice of the Gardai recently that there has been a very apparent rise in acts of thefts from motor cars throughout Cork city and county. It appears that a gang of criminals may be targeting cars which are parked outside areas such as Churches, Grave yards, Schools, amenity areas, sports fields, parks etc. These gangs are then breaking into these unattended vehicles in a smash and grab type scenario where they break the windows and steal handbags wallets, phones, cash or any other items which may have been left in the vehicle. To combat this type of crime we are encouraging everybody to be more vigilant when parking their vehicles and do not leave valuables in the car while you leave it unattended. We advise clubs and other such organisations to:

1. Ensure that all your members are made aware of this information.
2. Appoint where possible one person in your club/organisation to patrol or keep an eye on vehicles where there is a gathering of people for a particular event.
3. Encourage others to lock any unattended vehicles.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4 - 7

The First Reading tells how Amos the Prophet criticized those who lived in luxury and neglected the poor. These were people who lived for pleasure and self-indulgence. Amos said these people would be the first to be punished.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11 - 16

In the Second Reading, Paul writes to Timothy, a bishop. He asks him to fight the good fight and to keep God's command. Our calling is the same.

Gospel: Luke 16:19 - 31

As was often Jesus' message, today's Gospel reverses the rich and poor of this world and the next. Lazarus, a poor beggar who was most likely crippled and had open sores that dogs licked, sat every day beneath the window of a rich man. The rich man dined lavishly everyday and completely ignored Lazarus. Eventually, they both died and the angels carried Lazarus to heaven where Abraham held him. The rich man went to hell where he was parched and tormented. Looking up, the rich man saw Lazarus comforted by Abraham and still with arrogant behaviour, asked Abraham to send Lazarus down to dip water onto his tongue. Abraham explained that there could be no crossing from one place to the next and that the rich man was stuck with the consequences of his earthly behaviour. The man knew it futile then to argue for himself but begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers to warn them that they needed to change, or they would end up as he had. Abraham reminded the man that his brothers had already been told all that, and it was now up to them whether or not they believed it. Even the raising of a dead person would not convince them if their hearts were closed.



Annual Flag Day Collection

Have you an hour or two to spare on the 11th & 12th October 2013?

The Society is urgently looking for volunteer collectors willing to give an hour or two of their time for this very important source of funds.

Should you be willing to help us can you please contact Anne McKernan at 021 4270444

Or email annemk@svpcork.ie.

We would be most grateful for any assistance you could offer us.

DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.

Continuing our series on The Documents of Vatican II Our theme this week is,

Scripture.

Though the reading and study of the sacred books 'the word of God may spread rapidly and be glorified' (2 Thessalonians 3:1) and the treasure of revelatio, entrusted to the Church, may more and more fill the hearts of men. Just as the life of the Church is strengthened through more frequent celebration of the Eucharistic mystery, similarly we may hope for a new stimulus for the life of the Spirit from a growing reverence for the word of God, which 'lasts forever' (Isiah 40:8) Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Dei Verbum 26

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday October 4th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Envelope collection for the Priesthood Education.

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood amounted € 1535. Many thanks for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th October, 2013 at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on 18th & 19th October, 2013. Bookings phone 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Fr. George

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 11th at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address.

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 2nd at 2pm

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 9th at 12 noon.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct/05 & Oct/06/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan

8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Green

12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter

Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray

5:30 pm
marlyn O'Connor / Kevin
Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

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9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get
and know people from our community.

**The Well Spirituality Centre,
Convent Ave., Sunday's Well**

Offers a programme of events:

Retreat Days Thurs 26th Sep, 17th Oct 10.30 -4.30

Movies on last Fridays of month at 7.30p.m.

Harvest Festival on 2nd Oct. 8p.m.

For further details contact Sr. Jennifer
at 087/2548447 or 021/4303216.

Westgate Open Day

Westgate Foundation in Ballincollig will be holding an open
Day on **Sat 5th October 2pm to 5pm**

Westgate provides Day care facilities, active retirement club
and many educational classes aimed at the older members of
our community. Refreshments will also be provided on the
day and there will also be activities for the children. For fur-
ther information on this event please contact centre on 021
4873648

Gougane Barra

Annual Mass in Gougane Barra Church will be celebrated on
Today Sunday 29th September at 2pm.



**MINISTERS OF THE
EUCHARIST**

Oct/05 & Oct/06/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona
Collins
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Cauty

Guardian Angels

Wednesday 2nd October

This feast expresses God's personal care for each individu-
al and our belief that God assigns everyone an angel to
guard us.

Prayer To Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love com-
mits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and
guard, rule and guide. Amen.

Change of Polling Station.

Please note that voters who got their polling cards for
Gael Scoil Ui Riordan, Coolroe must now vote at
Ballincollig Rugby Club, Tanner Park.